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Dr. Anna Shaw says that "some day women will fill men's shoes." What with?

Words by the million were uselessly spoken in the session of Congress just adjourned. But acts of usefulness cannot be counted even by the score.

"If Wilson is elected, there will not be any prosperity to pass around," says the Cincinnati Tribune. There never is when we have a Democratic victory.

It's a good idea to get rid of Congress on any terms, even if so many of the members had to sneak home and leave a small minority to do the adjourning.

Mr. Archbold has threatened to sue the Colonel for libel for calling him a liar. It is to be hoped that he may do it, so as to teach a becoming sense of responsibility to a foul tongue.

Flinn doesn't deny that he wrote asking the help of Archbold to get Penrose to endorse his application for the Senatorship that was made vacant by the death of Mr. Quay. Yet he might as well deny as Roosevelt.

The Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat, speaking of the adjournment of Congress, aptly and rightly says that "There have been longer sessions, but none that was more tiresome." A sentiment with which we all agree.

It is all very well for Uncle Sam to help Nicaragua by protecting Americans and other foreigners in their person and property; but Nicaragua should also do something for herself, and not depend upon Uncle Sam to "do all the work."

It is noteworthy that the man who has always given everybody a square deal—President Taft—has never set up any noisy blarney about the square deal. But the man who is constantly mouthing stale whines about a square deal, never gives it to anybody.

It is reported that Rev. C. W. Aked, formerly a preacher in England, later a preacher in the Rockefeller home church in New York, and now installed as preacher of a church in San Francisco, went fishing recently on Sunday and caught a good-luck mess of trout. No report comes of his selling them.

The unprecedented hailstorms in Cache county this year are a sore affliction. It is grievous to hear of such loss as was inflicted. But it is a comfort to know that the crops of the State in general are above the normal, and that there need be no suffering on account of the unexpected scourge.

Many of the newspapers of this country are predicting a very heavy vote at the Presidential election. We should not be surprised, on the contrary, to see an uncommonly light vote, as there is so much disgust at the blatant unpopularity that is going on, and so much uncertainty as to what might be expected, whoever wins the fight.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal has it all concisely summed up in this fashion: "All this slush fund talk about campaign contributions proves that Roosevelt is not the man for the job; if he knew about them, he stands convicted before the people, and if he didn't know about them, he is so easy to fool that it could all happen over again."

San Francisco Chronicle: "The outcome of the Roosevelt-Flinn assault on Senator Penrose is another exhibition of Mr. Roosevelt in a role similar to that played in his \$250,000 transaction with the late E. H. Harriman. Mr. Roosevelt, while denouncing trust magnates as 'malefactors,' is always ready to use their money to promote his political fortunes. He is a 'practical' man."

As we have often remarked, it is incomprehensible why any one should want to write concerning something he knows nothing about. The Smoot organ in an editorial yesterday showed this quality of ignorance most astonishingly. It treated Mr. Charles G. Mullen as a "tenderfoot" who knew nothing of the Western country; but as Mr. Mullen was general traffic manager of the Union Pacific railway system, 1889 to 1893, and president of the Northern Pacific, 1896 to 1903, and is probably better posted on all practical matters in the Western country than

the best informed in a thousand of its residents, the fatuous presumption of the organ's ignorance is conspicuous.

MORRIS IS TOO LENIENT.

In introducing Governor Johnson of California to the theater audience on Wednesday evening, President Nephi L. Morris of this city spoke of the Utah bosses in condemnatory terms, but he gave them a bill of clearance as to graft. He recited a few of the obnoxious things done by these bosses, but claimed for them that "no charge of graft or bribery can be brought against them."

It is always well to be as lenient as possible in judgment and as charitable as the facts will allow, in dealing with offenders; but justice to the honest citizens of this State does not allow a candid judgment to go to the length that Mr. Morris went in his exculpation of the bosses.

In his reference to the bosses' secret selection of Governor four years ago, President Morris condemned the method by which Governor Cutler was ousted and Governor Spry put in his place. In that same connection Mr. Morris, with too much lenity, refrained from all reference to the jobbing deal with the liquor interests of this State whereby some \$40,000, as currently reported, was paid to the bosses. He omitted also all reference to the huge sums of money that are in the hands of the Land Board here, the use of which makes no return to the public, but somebody undoubtedly gets advantage out of the use of that money. The fact that the Land Board has on it men whom the senate refused to confirm; the favoritism in the fillings upon land and in the lending of land board funds; the loose methods of keeping accounts, all favoring graft and profit in this handling of the money, particulars of which have been given in The Tribune heretofore, call for condemnation.

It is idle to exculpate men from all wrongdoing, or handling of public moneys in the way that the land board moneys are handled; nor is it possible to forget the \$57000 steal in the publication of the delinquent tax list in this county upwards of two years ago. The basis upon which that padded charge was made was entirely unknown to the law, and it cost the taxpayers some \$3000 in excess of the rightful charge, for the purpose of sustaining the ring organ. The county attorney who was prosecuting the grafters in that case was defeated for re-nomination two years ago, for no other reason than that he persisted in proceeding with that prosecution.

In view of these facts, and others which might easily be cited, while we commend President Morris for his disposition to be charitable, we cannot consent that his bill of clearance shall go unchallenged; for it is not fair to the taxpayer, it does injustice to the honest people of this State; and it acquiesces offenders who are properly answerable to public opinion, even if they are not to the criminal law.

THE LAWYERS IN CONVENTION.

The lawyers, in their National convention at Milwaukee, are severe upon the proposition for the recall of judges, and especially severe upon the idiotic proposition for the recall of judicial decisions.

It is entirely natural that the lawyers should take that view. They are qualified, by reason of their study and practice of the law, to know that it is impossible for the average man who has made no study of the law, to have any real comprehension of the principles of a judicial decision, or the reasons which actuate a judge in his study of legal problems, and the determination of those problems as affecting the case before him. On large lines there is, of course, a relief from any decision of any court which the people find fundamentally and broadly wrong, as the Dred Scott decision, by Chief Justice Taney of the United States Supreme court, which the people in their might not only reversed, but they took away all possible opportunity for any such a decision ever to be promulgated again.

Senator Sutherland of Utah was the chief speaker at the meeting of Wednesday. He dwelt forcibly upon some of the vagaries of the times, and was especially severe upon the Roosevelt platform, the chief characteristic of which is a demand for an easy way to get around the provisions of the Federal Constitution, and a ready way to amend it by popular clamor and immediate vote.

It is a wonder to see how the people of the United States will follow Roosevelt in these vagaries of his. It has been the traditional attitude of the Americans toward the U. S. Constitution, "the greatest political document of all time," and "the most masterly production," as Gladstone said, "ever thrown off at one period from the mind of man." But all at once we have a furore in the United States against the Constitution, and an impatience against its provisions which are in fact for the preservation of the liberties of the people, although demagogues are now active in persuading the public that if we can get rid of those very provisions, we shall be by so much the better off. The history of mankind, however, is unvarying in the lesson that with the removal of provisions of this kind from the fundamental law the well-based practice of a people, a start has been made for the destruction of popular liberty.

Senator Sutherland does well to enforce this lesson, and the lawyers of United States will undoubtedly be found arrayed in solid phalanx against these destructive tendencies, which sound so well in the voice of the demagogue, but which in fact are evil altogether, and destructive, without possibility of doubt, in all their tendencies. The people need to be warned against

all this, and to have the caution enforced, that they will do well to hold to the ancient landmarks which have served so surely, rather than to put out into a political sea of turmoil with unknown destination, under full sail, and without keel or rudder.

A GREAT DAY'S EXERCISES.

The exercises of the Transmississippi Congress on Wednesday were of the high-mark order. The special keynote of the day was "See America First," and one great reason why this should be done was pointed out by Mr. J. W. Kelley of Denver, who estimated that the European travel of Americans costs this country \$400,000,000 a year; but back of and beyond all that is the patriotic sentiment that Americans should be familiar with their own country before bothering themselves about what can be seen in foreign lands.

The slogan "See America First," when proposed, was at once taken up by the Commercial Club of Salt Lake City, and made a patriotic war-cry. It is not only entirely proper, but patriotically desirable and economically indispensable, to make the cry of "See America First" prevail throughout the United States. The people of the United States can see in greater wonders, and in more marked form, nearly everything that the world presents in the way of scenery and natural grandeur right here within the boundaries of their own country; and it is a shame to an American when he is asked, on his visits to Europe, whether he has seen the Falls of Niagara, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, the wonders of the Yellowstone Park, the magnificence of Glacier Park, the Yosemite, the Snake River Falls, Great Salt Lake, and the wonders generally of this great basin region, to have to say no. If the American has to confess that he has not seen these things, he may be informed by traveled Europeans that they have seen them, and their wonder will be open and undisguised that an American should omit seeing the grandeur of his own country in order to visit grandeur abroad, which are so much less impressive.

The exercises of the afternoon and evening were held at Saltair, and all the addresses, and the sentiments therein, indicated that the boost for "See America First" was of the victorious order.

There was at the same time a resolution introduced that was of the highest importance to all this western country. We refer to the resolution introduced by Mr. Henry Welsh of Park City, advocating a change in the conservation policies of the administration, and urging that the present regulations and methods of the Interior Department, in handling resources, the minerals, timber, and grazing lands of the country, should be so changed, interpreted, and modified that the citizens of the intermountain country might secure the benefits at their very doors, instead of being deprived of them by unnecessary and unreasonable restrictions.

It was an excellent resolution, well timed and well phrased, and we trust that it will receive the endorsement of the Committee on Resolutions.

Altogether, it was a great day for the Congress, and that day will be held in especial memory as illustrating the high tide of patriotic sentiment and economic impulse.

A STATE FAIR SUGGESTION.

We note that at the Ohio State Fair this year, there is a new feature which ought to be, and undoubtedly will be, of high educational value to the boys of that State, and which is well worthy of being followed in all the States. We suggest it for the benefit of the Utah State Fair which is to be held the first week in October. There is plenty of time to put the plan into effect the present year, and we suggest to the officials of the State Fair that they proceed on the lines to be indicated without delay.

The Ohio plan is to have at the State Fair two boys from each of the 88 counties of that State, or 176 in all. These boys will be given a full week at the fair, with all expenses paid by the State, in return for four hours' daily light work in cleaning up the campus and fair grounds, and serving as messengers. These boys are selected from their various counties from boys entered in the corn raising contests, or any other agricultural contest, or boys-club for agricultural purposes, that may be organized.

The work of the boys at the fair is to be made educational as well as in the nature of an outing and an enjoyable visit to the fair. Governor Harmon is to give talks to the boys at their camp, and they will live under canvas, "a farm colony of a very good sort."

As applied to Utah, the boys could be selected on a basis that would give a sufficient number, say 100, letting every county send at least two, and the more populous, the greater farming country, to send in proportion to their agricultural wealth and production. We might have 100 boys from the different counties of the State come annually to the State Fair, living in camps and taking care of their own campus, and doing chores about the fair and under the direction of the fair officials. It would be an education to the boys. They would see and come in contact with other boys from all over the State; would form interesting acquaintanceships that would be good for them all their lives. They would be under the care and direction of the State Fair officials at all times, so that their comings and goings would be noted, and under discipline. The boys would see what is to be seen from the exhibits of all parts of the State, and they would see the routine of municipal, county, and State government as it cannot be seen elsewhere in the State.

We consider the Ohio idea to be thoroughly practical and commendable, and therefore pass it along to the officers of the State Fair as something that is worth their attention.

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THE PRESIDENT ON NICARAGUA.

We are glad to see that President Taft places the responsibility for the Nicaraguan disturbances on the United States Senate, precisely as The Salt Lake Tribune did, in an editorial last Saturday. The dispatches quote President Taft as saying, and a friend repeating:

"If the Senate had agreed to the proposed treaty with Nicaragua, which he advocated on his long trip last Fall, the misery existing today would not have arisen. Under the treaty the United States, he said, would have administered the customs of Nicaragua, but since the customs were about the only source of revenue, the revolutionists, who would not have cared to attack the United States."

The Tribune, in the editorial referred to, took precisely the same grounds. In citing the fact that the United States administers the customs and revenues of Santo Domingo, much to the satisfaction of all concerned, and especially the creditors, we referred to the unwisdom of the United States Senate in refusing to ratify the treaty with Nicaragua, which provided for the same administration of the customs and revenue of Nicaragua that we are making in Santo Domingo, and concluded by saying: "At bottom therefore, we consider that the Senate of the United States is really responsible for the present disorders in Nicaragua."

A year ago we made a special plea to the Senate to ratify this Nicaraguan treaty, and our plea was used in official circles in support of that treaty, but the Senate, weakly yielding to the clamor against "dollar diplomacy," refused to ratify, with the result that we pointed out in laying the blame directly at the door of the United States Senate, precisely as President Taft now does.

Naturally we feel gratified to see the President so squarely adopt the same line of thought that we had given expression to nearly a week before. The President expressed the idea exactly, and laid the blame precisely where we had already laid it; and the best of it all is that the truth of the matter is just as we stated it, and as President Taft reiterated the statement. The Senate of the United States is unquestionably to blame in this whole matter, and the impudence of Senators who were instrumental in defeating that treaty, in blaming the President for sending marines and blue jackets of the U. S. navy to protect Americans in their persons and property, is all the more exasperating when we consider that those very Senators were the ones who are themselves to blame for these disasters, in their refusal to provide adequate means for the protection of Americans in a bad business, and it is good to see that the Executive department of the Government is standing in to repair as far as may be the blunder of the Senatorial branch of the Legislative department.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON'S SPEECH.

The speech of Governor Johnson, delivered in this city at the Salt Lake theater on Wednesday night, contained in it nothing new. There was simply the same old impudent and exclusive claims for the possession of good purpose which in fact pretty much everybody possesses, and the same old claim of peculiar honesty, which is not in the least peculiar to the Roosevelt faction. Indeed, so far as political honesty is concerned, Governor Johnson is himself a conspicuous example of the very reverse, in his determination to make the Republican organization, the Republican name in California serve the Roosevelt candidacy, which is not Republican at all. This stealing of the Republican organization in California for the benefit of Roosevelt is distinctly the sort of political brigandage and thievery which Roosevelt takes so much delight in denouncing, but which he smiles upon when turned to his own advantage. It disfranchises all the Taft men in California in so far as it can be carried into effect. It would have done the same thing in Kansas, but we are glad to see that steps are being taken there to allow the Republicans to vote for electors who will support the Republican Presidential candidate. If Governor Johnson is successful in carrying through his political thievery in California, he will simply disfranchise all the Taft men in that State. And this in the name of "honest politics!" For the rest of it, the speech of Governor Johnson was simply a taunting fling at the Republican party, and at Republicans and at the Republican leaders. There was absolutely nothing substantial in it, and he stands before the country as a man who, crying out for political honesty is engaged in the vilest political scoundrelism of the year.

INTERURBAN CONTRACT LET.

The Tribune congratulates the citizens of Salt Lake City, of Utah county, and of the State at large, upon the making of the contract to build the interurban line from Payson to Salt Lake City, as the southern branch of a contemplated line that will be connected through to Brigham City.

The contractors appear to be thoroughly well furnished with money to build, and to perform the work which they undertake to do.

It is a good work for all concerned, and will be immensely helpful to Salt Lake City in the way of reducing the cost of living by allowing the farmers and producers to bring in their vegetables, their dairy products, and their fruits to Salt Lake City, at prices reduced far below the speculative prices fixed here by the combine.

Salt Lake City is to be congratulated upon the prospect of the opening of this line, since it will undoubtedly tend in the direction indicated; and when he line is finished through to Brigham City, we shall have direct access to the greatest peach country in the world, and can get the best peaches at the lowest prices.

It is a magnificent work for the development of the State, which should be encouraged by every possible means, both personally and officially, and we are glad to see that officialdom of this city is friendly and inviting toward this enterprise.

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